

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSIDERATION)
OF THE NEW PURPA STANDARDS)**

Docket No. EL08-028

**PETITION TO INTERVENE
OF
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY**

MidAmerican Energy Company ("MidAmerican") hereby petitions the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") to permit MidAmerican to intervene in this proceeding, and in support of its Petition states as follows:

1. On December 19, 2007, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 was signed into law ("EISA"). The EISA includes four new federal standards to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA"): (1) Integrated Resource Planning, (2) Rate Design Modification to Promote Energy Efficiency Investments, (3) Consideration of Smart Grid Investments, and (4) Smart Grid Information.
2. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-93, and the EISA. At its November 25, 2008, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission adopted Staff's recommendation to open a docket to consider the standards, use the December 19, 2009 deadline for all of the standards, conduct an initial paper hearing, and have Staff work with Commission Counsel to set a procedural schedule.
3. MidAmerican is an investor-owned, rate regulated public utility serving electric

customers in the State of South Dakota. MidAmerican is an affected utility subject to the new PURPA standards. MidAmerican wishes to intervene in order to participate as necessary in the development by the Commission of any findings or implementation regarding the PURPA Standards. MidAmerican's interests in this proceeding are unique and cannot be fully and adequately represented by the existing parties. MidAmerican and its customers will be directly affected by the issues raised in this proceeding and the outcome of the proceeding.

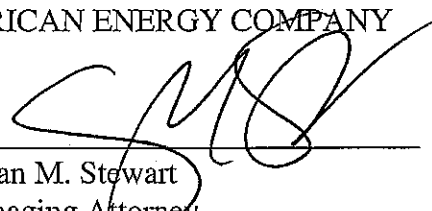
WHEREFORE, MidAmerican respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition and allow it to intervene and be granted status of a party to this proceeding.

DATED this 23rd day of December, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned does certify that the foregoing Petition to Intervene has been served this day upon the following in accordance with the rules of the Public Utilities Commission.

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